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## Man Charged With Shooting at LA County Sheriff's Deputies in Covina

A man was charged today with opening fire on Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies in Covina over the weekend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sean Vasquez (dob 8/24/96) was charged in case KA115031 with five counts of attempted murder and seven counts of assault with a firearm upon a peace officer. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, West Covina Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Serna of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section is prosecuting the case.

On April 9, Vasquez is accused of shooting a handgun at passing cars in the 16700 block of East Cypress Street. Vasquez then shot at responding sheriff's deputies, including two who were in a sheriff's helicopter. No one was injured.

Vasquez fled on foot and barricaded himself in a nearby house. He later surrendered and was taken into custody. Some of the standoff was allegedly recorded by Vasquez and put on social media by the defendant.

If convicted as charged, Vasquez faces a possible maximum sentence of nearly 200 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.